

Someone once said, "If all my friends were to jump off a bridge, I wouldn't follow them. I'd be there to catch them when they fall." This quote can be understood in more ways than one, and to me, this quote is about loyalty.

What I strongly believe in, is simply that loyalty is a part of everyone. I believe that no one is without loyalty, and that we cannot survive without it. At my age, a mere decade and a half, there cannot be all that much that I can be loyal to perhaps, but there is something that I am sure that I can be loyal to, and that is my friends.

As they say, friends are your family away from home. As everyone is loyal to their family, I feel that everyone should be just as loyal to their friends. By loyalty, I mean being there for your friends when they need you the most, not brushing them aside for something insignificant like playing something like a computer game.

Loyalty to friends for me, would mean that I should be able to see signs if they are unwell, to be able to detect if they need my help, to be able to be there if there comes a time that they require it.

A time I truly experienced loyalty from a friend was when I was in primary school, there was a period of time where I was quite badly ostracized due to my size. In a way, it was quite annoying having to put up with people telling you that you're fat all the time, and it was quite depressing as well. During that time, the only person that never left my side was my best friend. She stuck by me, close to stubbornly, and resolutely refused to take part in any of the taunting. She is still my best friend, even till now.

Another example of loyalty was once when I had this classmate whom I did not have a good impression on. She was rumored to be stuck-up and proud. It was purely by chance that I was assigned to sit next to her. After actually getting to know her, I realized that actually she was quite nice. What made me really understand loyalty between friends was once we were both in choir (I was in choir in primary school as well) when I was being scolded by my seniors for a mistake that I did not make. No one dared to help me as they would risk getting scolded too if they tried. However, that particular friend of mine actually defended me before my seniors. It is safe to say that I was very glad, at that point of time to have a friend like her. To me, that is another definitive proof of loyalty in friends.

I feel that I am truly lucky to be able to have friends, who are willing to stand by me through thick and thin, who are willing to stand by me, even if it is just us against the whole world. Now, as I am in secondary school, I still hope to be able to earn more friends who are as fabulous too. I definitely have a few already.

As a conclusion, I truly believe that loyalty is a part of everyone, and that I just happen to be lucky to be able to witness the actual show of loyalty. I believe that it is in everybody and that we should truly learn to appreciate our friends and never take them for granted.